

AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS

Claim amendments and status:

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1. (Currently amended) A top box for a gaming machine, comprising:  
a ~~substantially non-rectangular gaming machine top box housing~~ having a substantially hollow interior; wherein the top box includes a housing and a substantially non-rectangular a door having a display panel;  
wiring located at least partially within the top box, wherein the wiring operatively connects top box components to a gaming machine on which the top box is positioned; and  
a hinge operatively attaching the door to the housing.
2. (Currently amended) A top box for a gaming machine, comprising:  
a ~~substantially non-rectangular gaming machine top box housing~~ having a substantially hollow interior; wherein the top box includes a housing and a substantially non-rectangular a door having a display panel;  
wiring located at least partially within the top box, wherein the wiring operatively connects top box components to a gaming machine on which the top box is positioned; and  
means for operably attaching the door to the housing so that the door may be opened and closed.
3. (Currently amended) A top box for a gaming machine, comprising:  
a ~~substantially non-rectangular gaming machine top box housing~~ having a substantially hollow interior; wherein the top box includes a housing and a substantially non-rectangular a door having a display panel;  
wiring located at least partially within the top box, wherein the wiring operatively connects top box components to a gaming machine on which the top box is positioned; and  
means for rotably attaching the door to the housing.
4. (Withdrawn) The top box as recited in claim 1 further comprising a liquid-resistant seal positioned so that it prevents liquid from passing between the door and the housing.

5. (Original) The top box as recited in claim 1 further comprising means for preventing water from passing between the frame and the housing.

6. (Original) The top box as recited in claim 1, wherein the door further comprises a lip at least partially circumscribing the door so that the lip prevents liquid from passing between the door and the housing.

7. (Original) The top box as recited in claim 1, wherein the top box is secure so that unauthorized personnel cannot access the interior.

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8. (Original) The top box as recited in Claim 7, wherein the top box is secured with a lock.

9. (Currently amended) A top box for an upright gaming machine, comprising:  
a ~~substantially non-rectangular gaming machine~~ top box housing having a substantially hollow interior; wherein the top box includes a housing and a substantially non-rectangular a door having a display panel;

wiring located at least partially within the top box, wherein the wiring operatively connects top box components to a gaming machine on which the top box is positioned; and  
a hinge operatively attaching the door to the housing.

10. (Currently amended) A top box for an upright gaming machine, comprising:  
a ~~substantially non-rectangular gaming machine~~ top box housing having a substantially hollow interior; wherein the top box includes a housing and a substantially non-rectangular a door having a display panel;

wiring located at least partially within the top box, wherein the wiring operatively connects top box components to a gaming machine on which the top box is positioned; and

means for operably attaching the door to the housing so that the door may be opened and closed.

11. (Currently amended) A top box for an upright gaming machine, comprising:  
a ~~substantially non-rectangular gaming machine~~ top box housing having a substantially hollow interior; wherein the top box includes a housing and a substantially non-rectangular a door having a display panel;

wiring located at least partially within the top box, wherein the wiring operatively connects top box components to a gaming machine on which the top box is positioned; and means for rotably attaching the door to the housing.

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12. (Withdrawn) The top box as recited in claim 9 further comprising a liquid-resistant seal positioned so that it prevents water from passing between the door and the housing.

13. (Original) The top box as recited in claim 9 further comprising means for preventing liquid from passing between the frame and the housing.

14. (Original) The top box as recited in claim 9, wherein the door further comprises a lip at least partially circumscribing the door so that the lip prevents liquid from passing between the door and the housing.

15. (Original) The top box as recited in claim 9, wherein the top box is secure so that unauthorized personnel cannot access the interior.

16. (Original) The top box as recited in Claim 15, wherein the top box is secured with a lock.

17. (Currently amended) A top box for a gaming machine, comprising:  
a ~~gaming machine~~ top box housing having a substantially hollow interior; wherein the top box includes a housing having and a side portion[[:]] and a substantially non-rectangular door having a display panel;

wiring located at least partially within the top box, wherein the wiring operatively connects top box components to a gaming machine on which the top box is positioned; and a hinge operatively attaching the door to the side portion of the housing.

18. (Currently amended) A top box for a gaming machine, comprising:

a ~~gaming machine~~ top box housing having a substantially hollow interior; wherein the top box includes a housing having and a side portion[[:]] and a substantially non-rectangular door having a display panel;

wiring located at least partially within the top box, wherein the wiring operatively connects top box components to a gaming machine on which the top box is positioned; and

means for operably attaching the door to the side portion of the housing so that the door may be opened and closed.

19. (Currently amended) A top box for a gaming machine, comprising:

a ~~gaming machine~~ top box housing having a substantially hollow interior; wherein the top box includes a housing having and a side portion[[:]] and a substantially non-rectangular door having a display panel;

wiring located at least partially within the top box, wherein the wiring operatively connects top box components to a gaming machine on which the top box is positioned; and

means for rotably attaching the door to the side portion of the housing.

20. (Withdrawn) The top box as recited in claim 17 further comprising a liquid-resistant seal positioned so that it prevents liquid from passing between the door and the housing.

21. (Original) The top box as recited in claim 17 further comprising means for preventing liquid from passing between the frame and the housing.

22. (Original) The top box as recited in claim 17, wherein the door further comprises a lip at least partially circumscribing the door so that the lip prevents liquid from passing between the door and the housing.

23. (Original) The top box as recited in claim 17, wherein the top box is secure so that unauthorized personnel cannot access the interior.

24. (Original) The top box as recited in Claim 23, wherein the top box is secured with a lock.

25. (Withdrawn) A top box for a gaming machine, comprising:

a housing having a substantially hollow interior and a bottom portion;  
a door having a display panel; and  
a hinge operatively attaching the door to the bottom portion of the housing.

26. (Withdrawn) A top box for a gaming machine, comprising:  
a housing having a substantially hollow interior and a bottom portion;  
a door having a display panel; and

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can't means for operably attaching the door to the bottom portion of the housing so that the  
door may be opened and closed.

27. (Currently amended) A top box for a gaming machine, comprising:  
a ~~substantially non-rectangular gaming machine~~ top box housing having a substantially  
hollow interior; wherein the top box includes a housing having a side portion, and a substantially  
non-rectangular door having a display panel;  
wiring located at least partially within the top box, wherein the wiring operatively  
connects top box components to a gaming machine on which the top box is positioned; and  
means for rotably attaching the door to the side portion of the housing.

28. (Withdrawn) The top box as recited in claim 25 further comprising a liquid-  
resistant seal positioned so that it prevents liquid from passing between the door and the housing.

29. (Withdrawn) The top box as recited in claim 25 further comprising means for  
preventing liquid from passing between the frame and the housing.

30. (Withdrawn) A top box as recited in claim 25, wherein the door further  
comprises a lip at least partially circumscribing the door so that the lip prevents liquid from  
passing between the door and the housing.

31. (Withdrawn) The top box as recited in claim 25, wherein the top box is secure so  
that unauthorized personnel cannot access the interior.

32. (Withdrawn) The top box as recited in Claim 31, wherein the top box is secured with a lock.

33. (Currently amended) A top box for an upright gaming machine, comprising:  
a ~~substantially non-rectangular gaming machine~~ top box housing having a substantially hollow interior; wherein the top box includes a housing having a side portion, and a substantially non-rectangular door having a display panel;

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wiring located at least partially within the top box, wherein the wiring operatively connects top box components to a gaming machine on which the top box is positioned; and  
a hinge operatively attaching the door to the side portion of the housing.

34. (Currently amended) A top box for an upright gaming machine, comprising:  
a ~~gaming machine~~ top box housing having a substantially hollow interior; wherein the top box includes a housing having and a side portion,[[:]] and a substantially non-rectangular door having a display panel;

wiring located at least partially within the top box, wherein the wiring operatively connects top box components to a gaming machine on which the top box is positioned; and  
a hinge operatively attaching the door to the side portion of the housing.

35. (Withdrawn) A top box for an upright gaming machine, comprising:  
a housing having a substantially hollow interior and a bottom portion;  
a door having a display panel; and  
a hinge operatively attaching the door to the bottom portion of the housing.

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